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AL-SUDEARY

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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG OOB SATURDAY

ROME FOR FODAG OOB SATURDAY

1. BASIC U.S. POSITIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE IFAD ISSUES
CONTAINED REFTELS. ADDITIONAL CONTINGENCY TALKING POINTS
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ARE GIVEN BELOW. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT AL-SUDEARY, A
DISTANT COUSIN OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN ROYAL FAMILY, IS A
RATHER NEWCOMER TO THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SCENE. HE
IS STILL SAUDI ARABIA'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO
AND IS UNOPPOSED IN HIS QUEST FOR THE PRESIDENCY. HIS
GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN STRONGLY INTERESTED IN WINNING ITS
FIRST HIGH-LEVEL UN POST, AND AL-SUDEARY IS WORKING

HARD TO (A) SHOW HE IS IN FACT FULLY COMPETENT TO FILL THE POST AND (B) ASSURE THAT IFAD IS NOT VIEWED AS A SECOND-CLASS CITIZEN VIS-A-VIS ESTABLISHED IFI'S. HE HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO U.S. OVER HIS YEARS AT FAO. WHILE HE CAN

APPEAR EASILY PERSUADED AND SLIGHTLY TIMOROUS, HE IS PERSISTENT AND GENERALLY WINS HIS WAY THROUGH A PROGRESSION OF SEEMINGLY INNOCENT COMPROMISES.

A. RATIFICATION

-- THE U.S. IS IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING ITS INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION. WHILE WE ARE NOT YET ABLE TO GIVE A SPECIFIC DATE ON WHICH WE PLAN TO RATIFY, AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY SHOULD KNOW THAT WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO RATIFY IN TIME FOR A GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING THIS FALL.

-- THUS THE ONLY QUESTION IN OUR MINDS IS WHETHER SUFFICIENT OTHER DONORS (6 CATEGORY I, 6 CATEGORY 2, AND 24 CATEGORY 3, TOTAL OF CATEGORIES I AND II EQUAL DOLLARS 750 MILLION) ARE ALSO WILLING TO RATIFY BY EARLY FALL.

B. VICE-PRESIDENCY

BACKGROUND. WE HAD EXTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE APRIL PREPCOM MEETING. WE INDICATED ONE OF THE CONDITIONS OF OUR SUPPORT FOR HIM WOULD BE APPOINTMENT OF A U.S. VICE-PRESIDENT. AT THAT TIME IT WAS AGREED THAT, IF ELECTED PRESIDENT, AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY WOULD APPOINT CATEGORY I VICE-PRESIDENT; WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE U.S. VICE-PRESIDENT; WILL DECIDE ON WHO TO APPOINT 10-14 DAYS BEFORE FIRST GOVERNING COUNCIL; MUST CONSULT WITH, BUT WILL NOT ALLOW VETO FOR, OPEC; WILL NOT APPOINT ANYONE NOT SATISFACTORY TO THE U.S. AL-SUDEARY IS AWARE THAT PHILIP BIRNBAUM OF AID HAS USG'S FULL ENDORSEMENT AS U.S. CANDIDATE, AND HE INDICATED NON-COMMITALLY THAT HE HAS HIGH RESPECT FOR BIRNBAUM.

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-- WE CONTINUE TO STRONGLY SUPPORT THE BIRNBAUM CANDIDACY. HOWEVER WE CAN ACCEPT YOUR POINT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL TO PRESS THIS MATTER PUBLICLY AT THIS TIME.

-- AS OUR DELEGATION MAINTAINED IN THE THIRD PREPCOM, WE ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO MULTIPLE VICE-PRESIDENTS. ALL OF THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT ALSO SPEAK OF ONLY ONE VICE-PRESIDENT. TO

CONSIDER MULTIPLE VICE-PRESIDENTS NOW SEEMS TO CONTRADICT
THE KIND OF SMALL, NON-BUREAUCRATICIZED, NON-HIERARCHICAL
STAFF THAT MOST MEMBERS HAVE URGED FOR THE FUND. VANCE

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